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**Roe Thompson**

Aurora Belle (Roe) Thompson, Grinnell's oldest resident, died Aug. 31 at Friendship Manor here. She was 108 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 3 at the Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon, with the Rev. Kenneth Santee, pastor of the Lynnville Friends Church, officiating. Burial was in New Sharon Friends Cemetery.

She was born in Hardin County near New Providence Oct. 23, 1880, the daughter of Derrick and Eva Van Vorice Clark. Following the death of her mother, she returned home to help the family instead of completing her high school work at Eldora.

She was married to Edward Thompson March 18, 1900, at her parents' home. The couple farmed in Hardin County.

Her husband later became a minister, and the couple served Friends churches at Chester, New Providence, Honey Creek, New Sharon and Lynnville. They also helped organize the Sully Community Church. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor for the past eight years.

She is survived by two daughters, Floy Cope of Sun City, Ariz., and Lucille Newcomer of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1955, three brothers and one sister.

(Edward)